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SUBJECT: NEW THESSALONIKI METROPOLITAN ENTHRONED AMIDST
CHURCH DISCORD

REF: THESSALONIKI'S 359

1. AFTER PROTRACTED DELAY, NEWLY-NAMED METROPOLITAN OF
THESSALONIKI, PANTELEIMON, WAS ENTHRONED IN ST. SOPHIA
CHURCH CEREMONY AUGUST 3. DELAY OCCASIONED BY REFUSAL
OUSTED METROPOLITAN, LEONIDAS (REFTEL), TURN OVER OFFICE
AND DOCUMENTS TO REPRESENTATIVES HIS SUCCESSOR UNTIL
PUBLICATION NOTICE LATTER'S APPOINTMENT IN GOVT GAZETTE.
THESSALONIKI PRESS AUG 4 CARRIED RELIGIOUS MESSAGE TO
THESSALONIANS FROM PANTELEIMON, WHO HAD BEEN METROPOLITAN
OF SAMOS SINCE 1965. PRESS ALSO NOTED PRESENCE AT
RELATIVELY LOW-KEY CEREMONY OF THESSALONIKI MAYOR CHRISTOS
FLORIDES AS RANKING GUEST.

2. AUG 4 PRESS ALSO CARRIED BRIEF ACCOUNTS OF ARRESTS
NIGHT OF AUGUST 2 OF EIGHT INDIVIDUALS FOR DISTRIBUTING
LEAFLETS AGAINST HOLY SYNOD AND BISHOPS IT HAD RECENTLY
ELECTED. OFFICIAL CHARGES WERE VIOLATING CHARTER OF
CHURCH OF GREECE AND SLANDERING CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

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3. COMMENT: SOME 15,000 LEAFLETS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SENT
FROM ATHENS WERE STREWN OVER DOWNTOWN STREETS. THOSE ARRESTED,
IDENTIFIED MOSTLY AS THEOLOGY STUDENTS AND A TEACHER,
REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF ZOI, MILITANT RIGHTIST CHURCH
GROUP, OF WHICH LEONIDAS LOCAL LEADER, AND WHICH
SUPPORTED BISHOPS APPOINTED IN PAPADOPoulos ERA.
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